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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/551,626	Applicant(s) JACONELLI ET AL.
	Examiner Flemming Saether	Art Unit 3677

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 6-9 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 6-9 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-146/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi in view of Brown (US 3,466,699). In looking at Fig. 5, Takahashi discloses a fastener comprising a bolt (32) having a threaded shank with an axially extending projection (34) from a free end thereof and, a cap (10) of resilient material having a bore (12, 14) frictionally receiving the projection to secure the cap onto the projection. The cap being rotatable on the projection and having a yieldable formation to frictionally engage and cooperate with a threaded bore. Takahashi does not disclose the yieldable formation as claimed. Brown discloses a yieldable formation (20) formed as a plurality of chamfered flanges (22) engaging with a threaded bore. At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the cap of Takahashi with yieldable formations as disclosed in Brown because the yieldable formations disclosed in Brown are superior in their engagement with the threaded bore as is discussed in Brown.

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi in view of Brown as applied to claims 1 and 5 above, and further in view of Lewis (US 5,306,098). Modified Takahashi does not disclose the flanges to be segmented nor the leading flanges having a lesser diameter. Lewis discloses yieldable formations formed as flanges but, in Lewis, the flanges as shown as segmented (32, 34, 36 and 38) and a leading flange (22) is shown to have a lesser diameter. At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to

make the flanges of modified Takahashi segmented with a lesser diameter leading flange as disclosed in Lewis in order to improve the flexibility of the flanges and their alignment with the threaded bore which would overall improve the efficiency by which the cap is inserted into the threaded bore.

Response to Remarks

As applicable to the claims as amended and newly rejected, applicant argues that Takahashi fails to disclose the plug and bolt to cooperatively engage the threaded bore nor plug mounted to the free end of bolt to engage the threaded bore. In response, the examiner disagrees because in Takahashi's Fig. 5, the plug is shown engaged with the bolt and shown to have a diameter larger than the threaded bore therefore, when engaged with the bore is inherently must cooperatively engage with the bore as it is moved there through by the bolt. It is irrelevant that the plug can be removed. Furthermore, the claims are directed to the "a fastener for installation into a threaded bore" [italic added] thus making the combination with the threaded bore only included as an intended use for the fastener and the fastener of Takahashi would be capable of the intended use.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Flemming Saether whose telephone number is 571-272-7071. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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